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FOR: 2'-O-TRISUBSTITUTED SILYLOXYMETHYL-RIBONUCLEOSIDE-
DERIVATIVE AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following preliminary amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.